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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Coming to the close of a brilliant year here at Speers Point Public School I would like to say a heartfelt thank-you to all those who have support our school. The community, the parents, family, P&C, and volunteers have all played such an important part in the growth of our students and our school this year.

I will make a very special thank you to all of our staff. This year was very exciting with the start of Early Action for Success (EaFS) and the changes it brought with it. Our staff have all put in such great efforts into our student's learning and into providing rich experiences both in and out of the classroom.

And of course, to our students - our awesome students who have put in so much effort, and have made so many gains in so many areas, thank you for your hard work.

Concert

Our concert event "Long Way to the Stop" was a huge hit this year and we've lots of wonderful feedback from our audience. Congratulations to staff and students for their wonderful efforts. I would also say thank you to Ethan Trigg, a Lake Macquarie High student who has a great interest and skill set in audio visual who came over to run the lights, displays and sound for our concert.

Despite best efforts it appears as though the DVDs will not be ready by the end of this week. However if they are not we will be setting up a time during the holidays for people to collect from the school. We will advise via the app and Facebook page when they are available for pick-up (only if they are not here before end of term)



On Friday we say good-bye to a special group of students in Year 6 who will now be venturing on to High School. A few of those students represent the final year that I had a class (and were the few that got my frequent jokes that I'm told that aren't that funny no matter how much I protest to their hilarity.) To our Year 6 group, I wish you all the very best wishes and we take pride in the privilege we had in helping prepare you for adulthood.

Uniform Standards

Speers Point Public School has always been able to pride itself on students wearing our uniform with pride. In the back of this newsletter is a reminder about uniforms, and in particular, correct shoes. Once Christmas is past we know the shops will be full of "Back to School" specials from December 26th—the guide will help when looking to purchase the appropriate footwear for your child.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, 14th December	Friday, 15th December	Tuesday, 30th January	Wednesday, 31st January
* Movie Day at Lake Cinema * Year 6 Farewell	* Last Day of Term 4	* Years 1-6 return to school	* Kindergarten start

Water Fun Day

Our water fun day last week was a PBL reward for our students, having filled the Kulai Coin token box. This was a reward chosen by the students and was tremendous fun.



The "Peg a Principal" fundraiser was a great success with over 520 water-balloons sold and hurled at me. The staff also seemed to greatly enjoy this activity.

2018

As I spoke at Presentation Assembly, our school is growing and we look to be having our largest school population in years. We are hopeful that this will also see an additional class formed in the new year. Years 1 to 6 will return on Tuesday 30th January, Kinder on Wednesday 31st January and by the end of that first week we should have all classes formed.

2018 will be a very exciting year.

Clap-Out

As tradition, Year 6 students will have their "Clap-Out" on Friday at 2:45pm. All parents and community are welcome to attend this event as we say our last farewells for the year when our graduating Year 6 students ring the ceremonial bell.

Captains 2018

In 2018 we welcome to office our new Captains Alaska Hitchcock and Marley Tredinnick, with Vice-Captains, Hayden Cumming and Luca Davids.

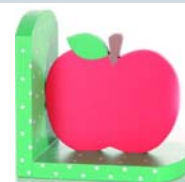
Have a great holiday, we look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Chris Payne

Principal



LIBRARY NEWS



BORROWING

There are still a lot of overdue books so please make sure students return any outstanding books ASAP so they can start borrowing again.

BUY ONE GET ONE FREE Book Fair

Children will be receiving their flier to advertise our upcoming Book fair with this newsletter.

Date: Week 10 , Term 4 -11th till 13th of December 2017

SCHOOL LIBRARY Every Day 8:30-9:00 and 3:00 – 3:30

Buy One Get One Free – You buy a book, our library gets a book!!

This is a great opportunity to buy Christmas presents for the children as well as supporting our library.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

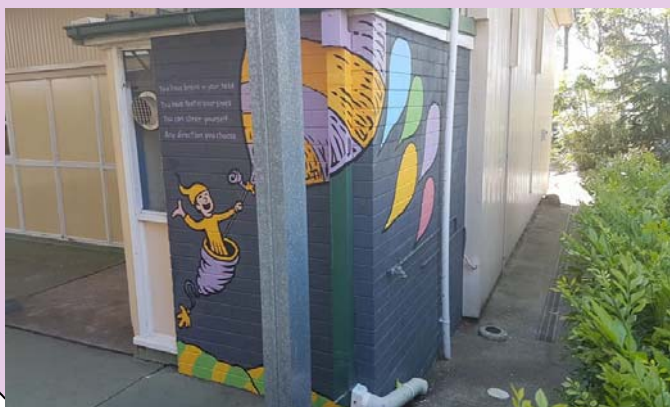


Wishing the following students a very
Happy Birthday!

Nikita O'B 10/1	Ryley S-F 21/1
Isaac A 11/1	Savannah M 22/1
Phoebie M 12/1	Riley H 24/1
Jaiden C 15/1	Zavier H 27/1
Zac B 17/1	Austin P 29/1

Yr 6 Legacy Mural

Just wow! Year 6 was creating the Year 6 2017 Legacy Mural. What a wonderful farewell gift to our school from our wonderful students. We are so impressed!



Community News



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Music Lessons Available on The Music Bus

The Music Bus now has availability in some of their classes across an array of instruments including Singing, Guitar, Drums and Keyboard.

The Music Bus is a wonderful program and is now open for all students from Kinder to Year 6. It provides a brilliant and cost effective way for students to get fun and specialist music lessons without parents having to travel all over the area after school.

Cost of lessons is only \$16 per week (Drums \$18), which is around half the price of a regular private lesson.

If you're interested in your child having music lessons through The Music Bus, please check out their website at www.themusicbus.com.au or call 1300 168 742.





Speers Point Public School Uniform



The wearing of a school uniform is encouraged and recommended at all times. We feel that a school uniform:

1. Ensures students' safety and well-being.
2. Contributes greatly to the overall tone of the school.
3. Encourages self pride and a feeling of belonging to the school.
4. Puts all children on an equal footing in terms of appearance.

Girls Day Uniform (Monday—Thursday)

SPPS School shirt

Maroon shorts (appropriate length), skort, trousers, tracksuit pants (no tights, bike pants or jeans)

Maroon school jumper

White socks

Black leather shoes

Boys Day Uniform (Monday—Thursday)

SPPS School shirt

Maroon shorts, trousers, tracksuit pants (no jeans) Maroon school jumper

White socks

Black leather shoes

Girls & Boys Sports Uniform (Friday)

Coloured Sports House shirt*

White Joggers

*A coloured Sports House shirt in line with each child's House Group was introduced in 2016. This means if your child is in house group Bradman they will wear a red shirt, Elliot—Yellow, Fraser—Blue and Jackson—Green. The shirts will be available for purchase through the school, with orders being taken each term. The school will not have a surplus of shirts.

Hats

Hats are compulsory whenever children are playing in the playground. All students need to wear a maroon sun-safe hat when outdoors. If students do not have a maroon sun-safe school hat, they will need to remain in the undercover areas during recess and lunch play periods.

Jewellery and Makeup

No makeup or nail polish is to be worn. Please see jewellery poster for requirements.

Sun-safe maroon bucket hats (\$10) can be purchased from the office.

Speers Point Public School

The correct shoes - what to wear and why?

Enclosed footwear- Black leather or white joggers.

According to the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000 Speers Point Public School (through the Department of Education and Training) must ensure:

- ✓ students are not exposed to risks to their health or safety while they are on school premises
- ✓ the school identifies and eliminates (or controls) any foreseeable hazard that has the potential to harm the health and safety of any person on its premises.



Suede leather is ok too, just check the label!



What do I wear for sport on Friday?



School shoes – what not to wear.

Footwear must be leather-no colours or coloured laces.



No canvas or ballet flats.

Minimal logos



SPEERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Safe, Respectful, Responsible,
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Jewellery Expectations at Speers Point Public School

Jewellery of cultural or personal significance- parents are asked to let the school know.



CAUSES – only on the day

